

CABINET  
MEETINGAdministration Represent-  
atives in Conference.

## CUBA IS THE TOPIC

Anxious for the Court of In-  
quiry Report.Senator Gallinger on the Situation—  
Distress and Destitution Every-  
where, Beyond Medicine or  
Food—More Money.

Washington, March 18.—At today's cabinet meeting the fact developed that the report of the Maine court of inquiry is not expected before the early part of next week. Almost the entire session was consumed in the discussion of the Cuban question. It is believed very soon after the Maine report is received the president possibly in conjunction with congress, will announce a definite policy.

The war department was allotted today about \$1,000,000 from the new \$50,000,000 appropriation to be expended in carrying on coast defense work as heretofore laid down. The department has information that Spain has not yet secured the Italian cruiser Varese.

## Senator Gallinger on Cuba.

Washington, March 18.—Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, who just returned from Cuba, says: "The utter wretchedness, destitution and hellishness of that country as far as he had opportunity to observe it, is indescribable. It is not expected to find it half as bad as the best information obtainable. The deaths are the result of Spanish brutal policy, and the tragedy of the day to day. The Red Cross is doing some relief, but most of the people are beyond the reach of either the Red Cross or food.

Senator Gallinger expressed a very poor opinion of the Spanish soldiers in Cuba. He said they are in the field of battle. As the Maine disaster, the universal opinion among those entirely under Spanish influence, is that it was the result of a Spanish agency.

## The Montgomery.

Way West, Fla., March 18.—The cruise of the Montgomery arrived this morning from Havana. The steamer Arkansas arrived this morning from Havana with Senator Money and Congressman A. J. Cummings and William Alden Smith on board.

## Orders for Ammunition.

San Francisco, Cal., March 18.—The California powder works has received orders from the navy department for 2,000,000 pounds of brown prismatic powder, followed by an order for 200,000 pounds of prismatic powder. Six months will be required to fill the orders, even with additional machinery in course of construction by the company.

## What Does Spain Mean?

Madrid, March 18.—The Imperial instructions sent to the torpedo boats to remain at the Canary Islands were due to the government's desire that the Spanish flag be escorted to Cuban water by a cruiser, and for no other purpose.

## Old Glory in Place.

Gravesend, March 18.—The cruiser Albatross was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the stars and stripes this morning, the Brazilians hauling down their flag and Lieutenant Colwell, the naval attaché of the American legation, taking possession, running up "Old Glory."

## Weyler's Denial.

Madrid, March 18.—Weyler denies the authenticity of the letter published in the New York Journal yesterday in which he is alleged to have said that the United

States would not have dared to send a warship to Havana while he was in command there; that he had the harbor of Havana "well prepared for such an emergency."

## The O'Higgins Again.

Valparaiso, March 18.—Patricio Lora, minister of war and navy, says: "You can emphatically deny the story of the sale of the Chilean cruiser O'Higgins or any other warship to Spain."

## Confirmation.

Madrid, March 18.—According to a dispatch from Rome the Italian minister of marine confirms the report of the sale of the armored cruiser Varese to Spain.

## Coasting Up.

Foz de Lays, Azores Islands, March 18.—The United States gunboat Bancroft, from Lisbon, is coasting here.

## In Sight.

Dover, England, March 18.—The United States cruiser San Francisco was sighted off Dover at 9 o'clock this morning.

## The Crisis is Near at Hand.

Washington, March 18.—Walter Wellman: By Monday next the report of the board of inquiry will be in the hands of the president.

By Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest the demand which it is expected this government will make upon Spain will be in the hands of General Woodford at Madrid for presentation to the Spanish cabinet.

By Wednesday or Thursday the report of the court will be given to the public, probably by means of a report to congress, in which the president will not only transmit therewith the evidence but a brief message informing the national legislature that the executive has already taken action.

This is the program as it is understood by members of the administration. There may be changes therein, according to circumstances. For instance, the report of the court may not reach this city as early as Monday, though there is a general belief that it will come then. It may possibly be here Saturday. The navy department is still without information as to the probable hour of its arrival. When it does come it is believed it will come in the hands of a member of the court, or by a trusted messenger, as the document is of too vast importance to be entrusted to any ordinary means of communication.

It is considered pretty certain, therefore, that another crisis in our relations with Spain is imminent. As was long ago pointed out in these dispatches, the president will lose no time in sending a demand for reparation to Spain if the report of the court justifies such demand, as there is little doubt that it will. No one here has any other idea than that the court will find the Maine was destroyed by an outside explosion, but it is considered almost certain that the precise nature of the cause will not be established. That Spain is responsible because of contributory negligence on the part of her officials is, however, considered to be already a part of the verdict.

All the various contingencies the president has already considered. He is ready to move quickly, no matter what the verdict. The country will have no just cause of complaint, either as to the celerity or forcefulness of his action.

## FRANCE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

Indications of More War Clouds in the Far East.

Peking, March 18.—The French demands upon China, in addition to those called from Peking last night, includes that the director of the imperial postoffice shall be a Frenchman, evidently with a view of separating it from the control of Sir Roberts Hart, director of the Chinese imperial customs, and the omission of the coaling station at Kwang-Chu, demanded on the same terms as Kia-Chu Bay, ceded to Germany; with railroad concession to include exclusive mining privileges. Eight days are allowed China in which to reply to the French demands. Threats are interpreted to indicate French occupation of the province of Hai-Nan, unless the Chinese comply.

## Sold 200 Reindeer.

Seattle, Wash., March 18.—Rev. Sheldon Jackson, acting on behalf of the war department, sold 200 head of reindeer, purchased for the Yukon relief expedition, for use in Alaskan transportation.

## Under Arrest at Maroa.

Three negroes, supposed to be strangers in Decatur, were arrested at Maroa last night for breaking the seal of a freight car of the Illinois Central road. Officer Biddle took the men in the Maroa calaboose, pending the arrival of the I. C. detectives.

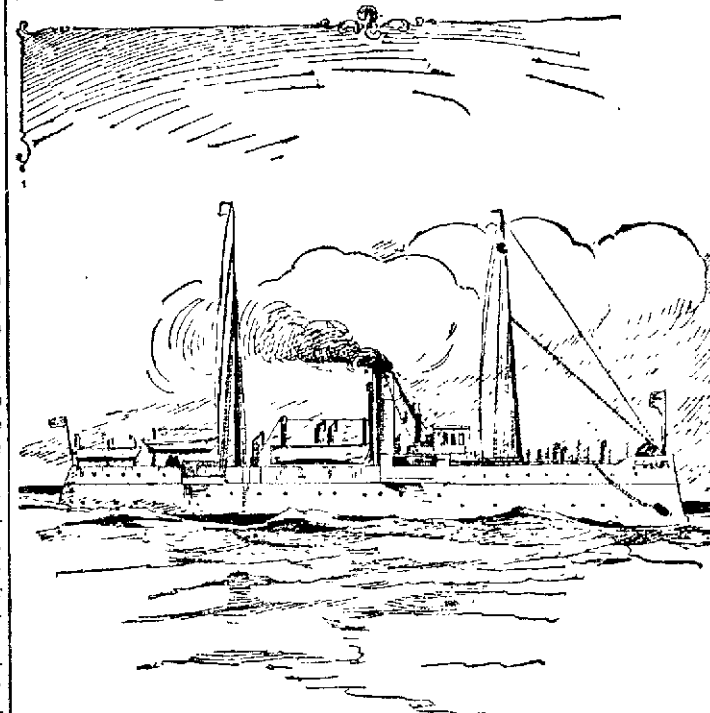
Dr. McColland is having his office in the Milikin building painted and has made some changes in the inner arrangements of the office.

PROCTOR  
ON CUBAVermont Senator Tells  
What He Saw.

## WOE AND DISTRESS

Believes the Cubans Should Have  
Absolute Freedom.Autonomy a Failure—Miserable Mis-  
government by the Spaniards  
on Unfortunate Island—  
Told in the Senate.

Washington, March 18.—Quite unexpectedly on the floor of the senate last evening Senator Proctor arose and related the story of his observations while on his recent tour of the island of Cuba. All of the senators listened attentively and the galleries were crowded. The senator gave a description of the country, of the military occupation by the Spaniards, of the distress and sickness and death among the non-combatants, of the noble work of Clara Barton and of the abandonment of the fertile fields of Cuba. He said that there are 40,000 Spanish soldiers on the island fit for duty, out of 200,000 sent there, and that there are 35,000 insurgents



United States Cruiser Bancroft.

fighting for liberty, all poorly dressed and short of ammunition.

## AUTONOMY A FAILURE.

Continuing the senator said: "There is no doubt that General Blanco is setting in entire good faith that he desires to give the Cubans a fair measure of autonomy, as Campos did at the close of the two years' war. He has, of course, a few personal followers, but the army and Spanish citizens do not want genuine autonomy, for that means government by the Cuban people.

"It is not strange that the Cubans say it comes too late. I have never had any communication, direct or indirect, with the Cuban junta in this city or with any of its members, nor did I have with the junta, which exists in every large city and town of Cuba. None of the calls I made were on parties of whose sympathies I had the least knowledge, except that I knew some of them were classed as autonomists. Most of my informants were business men, who had no sides, and rarely expressed themselves. I had no means of guessing in advance what their answers would be, and was in most cases greatly surprised at their frankness.

"I inquired in regard to autonomy of men of wealth and men as prominent in business as any in the cities of Havana, Matanzas and Sagua, bankers, merchants, lawyers and autonomist officials, some of them Spanish born, but Cuban bred; one prominent Englishman, several of them known as autonomists, and several of them telling me they were still believers in autonomy if practicable; but without exception they replied that it was too late for that. Some favored a United States protectorate, some annexation, some free

Cuba, not one has been counted favoring the insurrection at first. They were business men and wanted peace, but said it was too late for peace under Spanish sovereignty. They characterized Weyler's order in far stronger terms than I can. I could not but conclude that you do not have to scratch an autonomist very deep to find a Cuban. There is soon to be an election, but every polling place must be inside a fortified town. Such elections ought to be safe for the 'ins.'

"I have endeavored to state in not immoderate mood what I saw and heard, to make no argument thereon, but leave every one to draw his own conclusions. To me the strongest appeal is not the barbarity practiced by Weyler nor the loss of the Maine, if our worst fears should prove true, terrible as are both of these incidents, but the spectacle of a million and a half people, the entire native population of Cuba, struggling for freedom and deliverance from the worst misgovernment of which I ever had knowledge.

## DESERE FREEDOM.

"But whether our action ought not to be influenced by any one or all these things and if so, how far, is another question. I am not in favor of annexation, not because I would apprehend any particular trouble from it, but because it is not wise policy to take in any people of foreign tongue and training and without any strong guiding American element.

"The fear that if free the people of Cuba would be revolutionary is not so well founded as has been supposed, and the conditions for good self-government are far more favorable. The large number of educated and patriotic men, the great sacrifices they have endured, the peaceable temperament of the people, white and black, the wonderful prosperity that would come surely with peace and good home rule, the large influx of Americans and English immigration and money, would all be strong factors for stable institutions.

"But it is not my purpose at this time, nor do I consider it my province, to suggest any plan. I merely speak of the

PUT UP  
A CHURCHGood Record of a Christian  
Endeavor Society.

## 11 YEARS OLD

Rev. T. I. Coultas Was the  
Pastor in 1887.Anniversary Meeting and Celebration  
to be Held To-Night at the  
First M. E. Church—Ener-  
getic Young People.

The members of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Methodist church will celebrate the 11th anniversary of the organization of their society to-night. A short program will be given by the members of the society, consisting of musical selections, vocal and instrumental, a short history of the society by Attorney A. M. Taylor, and a reading by Miss McNally. The program will be given in the primary room of the church. A banquet will then be served by the Ladies' Aid society of the church in the Sunday school room and toasts will be delivered. The College Hill Mandolin club will furnish music during the banquet. One hundred tickets have been sold to young people who attend the church but are not members of the society. The occasion will be a very notable one in the history of the church as well as of the Christian Endeavor society, the members having spared no pains to make it a success in every way, and the history of this society, which will be read by Mr. Taylor, will show what a live, energetic Christian Endeavor society can do for the good of the church, as well as for those enrolled on its membership list.

While Rev. T. I. Coultas was pastor in 1887 the society was formed. The date was March 10. There were 36 active and two associate members. In April, 1887, there were 66 charter members, and in March, 1891, there were 190 members. Now there are 30 active and seven associate members. The first officers of the society were: President, Miss Mary C. Gregory; vice president, D. A. Strader; secretary, J. E. W. Green; treasurer, W. W. Loughbom. The young society raised \$100 to apply on the church debt and also \$17 to pay the expenses of a delegate to the state convention, and there was a balance of \$25.00 in the treasury.

Thirteen different presidents have presided over this society during the past 22 terms. Two have presided three terms each, four have presided two terms each. The names of the presidents in the order of their service from the organization of the society are: Miss M. C. Gregory, D. A. Strader, E. L. Stevens, Dr. N. A. Pierce (two terms), Elizabeth Whitehurst, Dr. N. A. Pierce, Mary Lowry, Kate Alkin (two terms), D. A. Strader (three terms), E. K. Towel, W. H. Hubbard, George T. Tucker, T. B. Ewing (two terms), A. M. Taylor (two terms), Grace Peniwell (two terms). Four vice presidents have succeeded themselves to the office of president. Nineteen different secretaries have kept the records of the society, only three having served more than one term in that capacity. They are: Nettie Gray, Mamie Simons and Grace Peniwell. Sixteen different persons have kept the funds of the society, five of whom have served two terms or more. They are John Hosteler, Frank Dodd, Milton Johnson, Jr., Ira Fleming and D. Berton Webb.

The missionary committee, which has been a very important factor in the society, was organized in 1892, and nearly \$1000 have been raised by their efforts for home and foreign missions.

The greatest amount of home missionary work was done during the terms of ex-president, T. B. Ewing, when the Wesleyan chapel was built at a cost of \$1750, and a thriving Sunday school was established. The close of his second term the Sargent chapel Sunday school was placed in charge of the society. The following term the first directory of this church was issued by the Christian Endeavor society. The entire amount of money raised by this society for missions and other benevolent objects since its organization amounts to almost \$3500, or an average of \$329 per year.

As nearly as can be ascertained from the records of the society 493 members

have signed its constitution and taken our Christian Endeavor pledge, promising to "Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

There have been but three deaths in the society since its organization. Miss Carrie Whitehurst, February, 1893; Mrs. Edward H. Bell, nee Botbol, a charter member, who died on February 12, 1894, and Miss Mamie Webb, in 1897.

**\$75,000 FOR LIBEL.**

American Book Company Victor Over  
Minnesota Publishers.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 18.—The hotly contested libel suit of the American Book company against the Kingdom Publishing company for \$100,000 damages came to a close in the United States district court late yesterday afternoon, resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$75,000. The jury was out half an hour. Attorney C. S. Darrow of Chicago, counsel for the defense, said he would apply for a new trial next Saturday, new evidence having been secured too late for introduction at this trial.

The suit grew out of publication by the Kingdom Publishing company of a pamphlet written by President George A. Gates of Iowa College at Grinnell, entitled "A Foe to American Schools." This pamphlet charged the American Book company with bribery and other improper methods in the introduction of its books. The American Book company first tried to prevent circulation of the work by injunction proceedings in the district court. Then action of libel was instituted in the federal court, resulting in the above verdict.

## DEATH AT NANTIC.

A. Seelig, an Old Citizen, Answers the  
Final Summons.

Died, at his home in Nantic, March 19 A. Seelig, one of the most prominent citizens of the town. He was born in Blackford county, Ind., July 15, 1850, and came to Illinois in 1870. He was married to Mary Fertig, January 27, 1882. He was one of a family of five children, two of whom preceded him in death. Two brothers, Isaac of Hartford City, Ind., and William of Clay Center, Neb., survived him. A lovely wife and three bright children, two daughters and one son, mourn the loss of a devoted husband and loving father. One child died in infancy. Mr. Seelig was an Odd Fellow. He was a Republican in politics. He was an honorable, upright citizen and his loss is one to be deplored by all. Many friends join in sympathy for the sorrowing wife and dear children, left to her care.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Sunday in order to take the 11 o'clock train for Hartstown, where the interment will take place. Elder Erber will conduct the funeral.

Funeral.

Miss Dora E. Fulk, who died at Long Creek, March 14, was born in Moultrie county, Ill., August 1, 1874, and had attained to 19 years, 6 months and 23 days at the time of her death. Her death was caused by consumption, which has been preying on her for some time. Her and was peaceful and she gave directions that the burial suit, coffin and everything pertaining to her funeral outfit should be white. Rev. A. M. Dancy preached the funeral sermon at the North Fork C. P. church, Wednesday at noon. The pall bearers were Ernest Fletcher, Hucos Davis, Henry Davis, Ernest Fulk, Arthur Fulk and Bert Wright.

## A Splendid Entertainment.

The "Ship of Life" cantata given at the Grand opera house last night under the direction of Prof. F. W. Westhoff, assisted by Prof. Walter and the orchestra, and Miss Edna Bunn, pianist, was a very creditable entertainment, displaying as it did the advancement in music made by the Seniors and Juniors of the Decatur High school. There were 228 students on the stage in the chorus and all sang the music with good effect, especially the livelier chorus. They were quite strong and the work of the pupils demonstrated the accomplishments of Mr. Westhoff as a teacher and director. The special numbers by Miss Adelaide Danely, reader, and Miss Powers, violinist, were received with much pleasure. The High school yell closed the entertainment, after the yell was repeated.

## Probate of Will.

The will of the late Louise S. Savage was probated today in the county court. The estate consists of 40 acres of land in section 24, 17, 8 east and household and farming goods valued at \$600. All of the property is left to the husband, John H. Savage, for his life and at his death it passed to the daughter, Millie S. Savage, and at her death to her heir, and she leaves no heirs the property goes to the heirs of John H. Savage.

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Daniel Moore of Decatur—Resided here for 42 years. Familiar with the facts in connection with the murder. Challenged for cause.

C. F. Minier of Decatur—Lived in Decatur four years and never heard of McKinley murder until recently. Read part of the accounts which have been published. Have not heard anyone talk about it. Have no opinion as to guilt or innocence of Maury and do not know him or his father. Have not talked with anyone about case, never connected with any murder case and do not know the lawyers. Resided at 1092 East Eldorado street and am a painter and wall paper hanger.

E. D. Carter of Decatur—A native of Decatur; was present a few moments after the murder occurred and have a fixed opinion. Challenged for cause.

James Wilhelm of Decatur—Was in the city when murder occurred and have formed an opinion which would require sworn testimony to settle it. Challenged for cause.

Charles Waggoner of Decatur—Was in the city at time of murder of Mat McKinley and had formed and expressed an opinion. Challenged for cause.

James Veale of Decatur—Was in the city at the time McKinley was killed. Read about the case and heard reports. Heard so much both ways would be hard to tell whether have an opinion or not. Formed some opinions and they "will hang over me." Expressed them to some extent. Have doubts as to my opinion.

Mr. Mills asked Mr. Veale whether he could try the case on the evidence and he didn't know. Mr. Veale had on a green necktie and wore a spray of shamrock. Judge Vail suggested that Mr. Mills ask Mr. Veale what day of the month it was and Mr. Buckingham asked it was March 17. Finally Mr. Veale said he was afraid to say whether or not he could try the case impartially and he was challenged for cause.

F. B. Ritchie of Warrensburg—Read of the case and discussed it, but had not reached any conclusion as to who killed McKinley. Don't remember of having expressed opinion but quite likely that he joined in discussions on the subject. Don't know Joe Maury, but know his father. Challenged peremptorily.

C. D. Nowlin of Austin township—Am a married man and was living in this county at time of murder. Read all that appeared in the newspapers recently. Have an opinion of fixed nature, but could try the case impartially. Never expressed an opinion on the case but thought a good deal about it. Could try the case impartially. Never had any business relations with any of the lawyers for the defense.

## TENDRED FOUR.

Mr. Mills tendered the following four names: L. J. Pasley of Boody, G. W. Soland of Boody, C. F. Minier of Decatur, C. D. Nowlin of Austin township.

Mr. Buckingham examined for the defense. He questioned G. W. Soland in regard to what he had read about the case and as to whether he had talked about the case. Mr. Soland said: Had heard that a petition was circulated to secure Maury's pardon. Knew that John Maury was sheriff but was never acquainted. Saw Joe Maury once shortly after he was married. Maury married a young lady whom I knew and am friendly with her family. Am acquainted with Mr. Mills and went to him to have him transact my legal business. Better acquainted with him than with other lawyers, but would not be influenced by this fact. Would be willing to consider Maury innocent until it was proved that he was guilty and would give him the benefit of a doubt. Have not the slightest prejudice against Maury and have no prejudice against an alibi as a defense.

L. J. Pasley—Knew John Maury and know Joe Maury and am on friendly terms with them. No unpleasant feelings of any kind between myself and them. Don't know any of the lawyers or witnesses in this case. Never heard any discussion about the witnesses in the case and have not the slightest prejudice against Maury. Would be willing to start in with the presumption that Maury was innocent.

C. D. Nowlin—Could try the case impartially. My father was foreman of the grand jury which indicted Maury. He did not tell me how he voted on the indictment. We talked some about the case. Did not talk of any particular witness.

C. F. Minier—Heard statements made about the case, but did not decide whether

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# Her Forbidding Ancestor.

BY HOWARD MARKLE HOKE.

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SYNOPSIS.  
Elton Cridmore, the narrator of this story, is in love with Fanny Tynes, a young girl of the town of Tyneport. Fanny lives with her father and her Aunt Corantha, in the homestead, where hang the portraits of her ancestors. Most prominent of the portraits in the parlor, and Aunt Corantha's special pride, is that of Bartholomew Tynes, Fanny's great-grandfather, and the founder of the family fortune. Bartholomew was bitterly opposed to marriage, and this unpleasant trait seems inherent in his countenance, for under the forbidding look of the eyes, Cridmore finds it impossible to propose to Fanny. And, indeed, out of his sight, the very thought of it is sufficient to deter him. Cridmore is desperate because he knows that Bruxton is his rival, with good chances of success, too. One day Cridmore learns from Fanny that the family will come to the city Saturday morning, because the servants are leaving, and remain until Monday. He forms a plan to go to Tyneport, break into the house, steal the portrait, take it to an artist friend who will change the expression of the eyes, and replace it before the return of the Tynes. The young man goes to Tyneport late Saturday afternoon, after having visited Fanny, her father and aunt, to accompany him to the theater that evening.



"BARTHOLOMEW" MIKE CRIED.  
"THIN, BEDAD, I'M WITH YOU."

PART II.  
My plan was to scale a grape arbor in the rear of the house, climb a slanting roof to a window I knew was insecurely locked, and once in the house, Bartholomew was my captive. I crept around to the arbor, and, congratulating myself on my good luck so far, set my foot into a hole in the trellis. My burglar kit was in a satchel slung over my shoulder, so as not to impede my climbing. I had just secured a good hold above me, so as to pull myself up, when a hand fell upon my arm, gripped it, and twisted me around.

"O! nabbed ye in toime, Misher Brughlar," was the highly satisfied observation of Mr. Michael O'Toole, the man servant.

"I'm no burglar, Mike," I said, when I recovered sufficient breath to say it.

"If ye're no burglar, Misher Cridmore, ye're after actin' a dom sight loike wun."

"I thought you had given up your place, Mike."

"So, O! have, but I give me word t' Misher Tynes I'd keep ye on th' place to-night."

"Well, I wish you'd let me in, Mike. I came for only one thing. It is one of the portraits in the parlor. The portrait I want is absolutely harming me. I only want to tell Bartholomew—"

"Bartholomew," Mike cried. "Thin, bedad, I'm wid ye. O! ye've been wantin' that devil as a Tynes out as th' house meself, meself."

"You," I asked, eagerly. "What do you want it out for?"

"Musherin' saints, me bhor, cud O! spake me word or loove to Betty wid th' oies as that blackguard as a Tynes sayin', ivery toime I goes into th' parlor, 'Spake wun word as loove t' th' girl, Moike O'Toole, an' ye're a did dom?"

My self-respect came back to me with a rush. I was not a weaking after all, for Bartholomew had also cowed this brawny son of Erin. I clapped him upon the back. My troubles were over. Bartholomew's power would soon be destroyed and Fanny would be mine.

Mike unlocked the kitchen door, and we went in. I lighted my dark lantern, and we soon reached the parlor. I had expected to find the Tynes gazing ferociously upon me, and I had doubted my ability to carry out my purpose with Bartholomew's eyes upon me, but I was immensely relieved to see that Aunt Corantha had protected each of her treasures with a tightly fitting canvas cover. The task of getting Bartholomew down from his place of advantage was very brief, but it was immensely gratifying.

My rope was around him in short order, Mike advising me never to bring to the "murderin' varmint back," when our attention was attracted by a slight noise at one of the side parlor shutters. We listened sharply, and were soon aware that some one was trying to pry it open with an iron jimmy.

"A sure enough burglar, Mike," I whispered, shutting the eye of my lantern.

"It's that same dom thing," he whispered back, as he stole toward the window to catch the miscreant in his arms.

He waited in perfect silence. The shutter soon gave way, the sash was cautiously pushed up, and I heard the man begin to climb upon the sill, followed by the swish of Mike's arms closing around him.

"O! have ye, Misher Brughlar," Mike said, "an' there's no sinse at all at all in strugglin' me bhor."

"Let me go, Mike," said the captive. "Can't you see who you've caught?"

Bruxton, by all that was unlucky! Had he discovered my purpose and come to catch me in the act? Did Fanny know? I retreated to the hall, tightening my grip on Bartholomew, and waited.

"Fwby didn't ye let me know ye were comin', Misher Bruxton?" Mike inquired, "an' O! wud ave saved ye'r exhaustin' work on th' shutter. Besides, sor, Misher Fanny ain't here."

"That's exactly why I came. See here, Mike. I only came to get one of the portraits off the wall."

I gripped my prize tighter and chuckled softly in expectation. Was I



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out you have had the picture changed, I wouldn't give a snap of my finger for your chance with Fanny. Watch the dear old lady tonight and see which of us she favors."

"Watch her where?"

"At the theatre. Aren't you going to be one of the party?"

"Well, as I got up the party myself, it is likely I shall be there. How did you become a member of it?"

"Aunt Corantha invited me, and Fanny said she didn't think you would object. I didn't think you would, but now I know you won't."

"How is that?"

"I know about your purloining of the picture."

"You don't intend to tell about that, do you?"

"If it suits my purpose, and I think it will."

"How about the shutter?"

"Aunt Corantha would not believe any such story if you should tell her."

"How about Mike? He knows about it."

"Mike is liable to become confused and think you broke the shutter when you got the picture. Oh, you may be sure I'll be one of the party to-night."

We were running into the city station, and when we alighted together I was somewhat shaken in my purpose, but I assumed an entirely indifferent air. I laughed at him as I went forward to the baggage car, and he stood and laughed at me as I lifted the portrait off the car and bore it away.

I had convinced myself that Fanny was affected by Bartholomew's eyes as much as I was, and I now told myself that there wasn't a word of truth in Bruxton's tale of Aunt Corantha's favor. My pride, too, had risen, and I made up my mind not to be swayed by anything a Bruxton might say.

So I went straight to Tull's studio. He was there and promised to change the eyes by the next afternoon. When I reached the hotel Bruxton was already there, waiting for me with Fanny, her father and Aunt Corantha. I thought Fanny showed a prompt change from being bored to being very happy, but I was likely to think everything favorably at that time. I have no doubt Bruxton saw just an opposite change.

The only thing I need mention about our evening at the theater was my conversation with Aunt Corantha in the box. I began by asking her how she was enjoying the play, and she answered:

"I never enjoy anything away from home. I always worry about my portraits."

"I think you can feel perfectly easy," I said; "I don't see what motive anyone could have for injuring them."

"What motive?" she repeated scornfully. "That's just like you, Mr. Cridmore. I've always told Fanny you never showed the slightest respect for her ancestors. It's very different with Mr. Bruxton. He's worrying himself this evening about the portraits, and says he has a presentiment that some one means harm to them."

"Mr. Bruxton is wonderfully sensitive about the portraits," I observed.

"Oh, you needn't be sarcastic about that fine young man, Mr. Cridmore. Of course I know it's jealousy, and what you say is really of little effect. Thank goodness, I still have some influence; and I am pleased to know that Fanny will have a husband whom I can trust to care for the portraits after I am dead and gone. When my portrait finds a place on the wall, he will care for it tenderly."

"Some one else might do the same."

"No one, at least, who wonders what motive anyone could have in carrying one of the portraits away. Don't you suppose everyone would like to have so valuable a thing as a picture of a Tynes? But if anyone has injured a portrait, he will be discovered and my brother and Fanny will punish him severely. They are as anxious about the portraits as I am."

I don't know how I endured the last act of the play, or the supper that followed, or the ride back to the hotel. I only know that the cab horse was flecked with foam by reason of my urgency in getting to Wellington Tull's studio. His door was locked, and I hammered and fumed at it to no purpose. I could only wait until morning, and hope that he had not yet begun work on the picture, or had decided he could not do as I wished. I was desperate enough to hope, too, that Bartholomew's eyes would successfully forbid him to do the work. If he had done it, I was lost, for when it should be seen that Bartholomew's eyes were turned, no one would suppose he had turned them himself, and Bruxton would be only too willing to tell that I was the culprit—particularly if he should discover that Fanny favored me.

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"Where have you got him?" he asked.

"Got whom?"

"Bartholomew."

"Bartholomew?"

"Oh, come off, Cridmore. I know you're just come from the Tyne house with Bartholomew's portrait."

I said that I could not escape discovery, so I replied:

"Yes, I have the portrait, and I am going to destroy its power. We are both liable to blame for this affair, and we might as well come to an understanding."

"I don't see how we are both liable. When the Tynes find out you have carried off one of the portraits and had it changed, your chance with Fanny will be done with."

"And how will it be with a certain young man who broke open a shutter to do the same thing?"

"Oh, you know about that."

"I was standing in the parlor with Mike when he caught you."

I was so confident that Fanny wanted me and not Bruxton, that I told him my plan in full, and concluded:

"With Bartholomew out of the way, each of us has a chance. Of course, I think I shall succeed, but I am willing to give you a fair show."

"Surprisingly magnanimous," he replied. "But I think that with Aunt Corantha's influence, I have an easy thing of it."

"You have a friend in her, have you?"

"Friend! Why, she's set on a match between Fanny and me, and she is dead opposed to you. You haven't had the tact I've shown. I've taken the greatest interest in the portraits, and I don't

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**UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.**  
J. B. HELLSO, Manager,  
Office Commercial Printing Co.,  
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Chicago, Nov. 21, '97.

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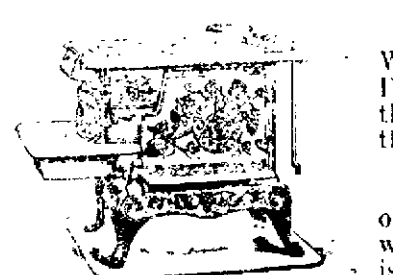
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## WEATHER.

Chicago, March 18.—Illinois: Rain this afternoon, tonight and Saturday; colder in the west Saturday; increasing easterly winds.

Uncle Sam is now engaged in building three battleships to cost six million dollars each. This will go a good way toward guaranteeing peace to the country.

A lot of people in this country are proclaiming that war is never justifiable. Until they stop the inhuman war in Cuba all such people should stay in their holes and keep the lid on.

Spain wants to know why we bought the two Brazilian warships. The answer is that we had the ready cash to pay for them while Spain wanted to buy them on time.

No country was ever so harmonious in affairs as our people are at this time as to the propriety of calling Spain down and if she is not called down there will be a revolution that will be just as unanimous.

Those who talk about a duel between the hot Spaniard and Senator Mason should recall the effect of the explosion of a suttler at the battle of Waterloo as told by "Mark Twain."

There is a strong and significant feeling among the Republicans of Mason county that they will attend to their own business this year and will not accept the aid of outsiders who think they can queer the party.

The only consideration which can fairly be given to autonomy by the friends of Cuba is that the patriots cannot consider anything but complete independence as any promise or agreement Spain may enter into would not be held sacred by such a nation of liars.

Headquarters for the department of the Gulf have been located at Atlanta. In case of war with Spain there may be another march from Atlanta to the sea, but "Sherman's dashing Yankee boys" won't be in it. The sons of ex-Confederates and ex-Federals will form that column.

Very little is ever gained by getting ready for an adversary. While we are getting ready Spain seems to be making considerable headway herself. A torpedo flotilla is on its way to Havana and will reach there in a few days. A month ago Havana could have been taken before this dangerous agency could have got there.

In January, 1897, our exports of manufactured articles amounted to \$20,629,860, and in January of this year, it amounted to \$22,999,809. In January, 1897, we had the Wilson tariff law. In January, 1898, we had the Dingley law, which free traders said would cripple our markets abroad.

Democratic statesmen and orators who insisted during the consideration of the Dingley law that its adoption would cause an increase in prices of articles of common consumption, will be interested in the following table, compiled from Dun's Review, a generally accepted authority, comparing wholesale prices of articles of common use on March 1, 1893, with January 1, 1897:

	Jan. 1, 1893.	Jan. 1, 1897.
Brown sheetings, stand.	5.37	4.50
Bleached shirtings	6.95	6.00
Fancy prints	4.50	4.25
Brown drills	5.37	4.75
Blue denim (9 oz.)	10.50	10.00
Men's kip boots	1.35	1.22½
Women's grain shoes	.87½	.85
Women's buff shoes	.80	.75
Men's grain shoes	1.07½	1.10
Credmore splits, shoes	1.00	.95
Wax brogans	.97½	.95
Cut nails	1.40	1.10
Structural beams (bldg)	1.55	1.15
Bar iron	1.05	.95

Latest advices from the cotton-producing sections indicate that the cotton crop of 1897-98 will exceed 11,000,000 bales, and may reach 11,800,000. This is by far the largest crop ever produced in the

United States, which furnishes the bulk of the cotton of the world. The crop of the United States has been increasing with wonderful rapidity during the past quarter of a century, having been in 1872 only 2,975,000 bales, 4,622,000 in 1876, 6,675,000 in 1886, 9,901,000 in 1895, and over 11,000,000 in 1897-8. It will be seen that the production has nearly or quite quadrupled in 25 years, while the increase in population of the world has been but 25 per cent, and it is, doubtless, to this fact, that cotton production has increased 13 times as rapidly as population, that the great fall in price of cotton is to be attributed.

## MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.

Wheat—	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.	Yest- erday.
March—	1.04½	1.06	1.04½	1.05	1.04½
July—	.85½	.86½	.85	.86½	.84½
May—	.29½	.29½	.29	.29½	.29
July—	.30½	.30½	.30	.30½	.30
May—	.25½	.25½	.25	.25½	.25
July—	.25½	.25½	.25	.25½	.25
May—	9.92½	9.97½	9.87½	9.90	9.92
July—	5.15	5.15	5.12½	5.12½	5.15
May—	5.10	—	—	5.10	5.10

To-day's Receipts—Car Lots.  
Wheat—108; Estimated, 115; a year ago, 20.  
Corn—221; Estimated, 219; a year ago, 191.  
Oats—135; Estimated, 180; a year ago, 170.  
Estimates for To-morrow.  
Wheat, 120; Corn, 210; Oats, 120.

Hogs.  
Hog receipts, 21,000. Estimated, 21,000.  
Market stronger.  
Light, \$3.70-\$3.85; Mixed, \$3.75-\$3.92;  
Heavy \$3.90-\$4.05; Rough, \$3.75-\$3.85.  
Estimated for to-morrow, 15,000.

Cattle.  
Cattle receipts, 3,000. Market steady.

Free Pills.  
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We are authorized to announce CHARLES F. SUTKINS as a candidate for alderman in the First ward, subject to the action of the Republican primary.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BOLD as a candidate for alderman in the Fourth Ward, subject to the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce HENRY ANKMAN as a candidate for Highway Commissioner of Decatur township, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce W. W. FOSTER as a candidate for the office of township assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce D. A. MAFFET as a candidate for highway commissioner of Decatur township, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce ALBERT H. COLE as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CASS NICHOLSON as a candidate for Township Collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

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We are authorized to announce LARRY H. WATKINS as a candidate for Township Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce FRANK O. STON as a candidate for Constable, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES HOLLINGER as a candidate for Assistant Supervisor, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

## ACT OF REAL HEROISM.

Performed During the War by Delina Reader Roberts.

Unaided She Carried Twenty-Two Wounded Soldiers from a Cornfield on the Shore to a Boat in the River.

Mrs. Delina Reader Roberts is about to be presented with a medal earned by her as an act of heroism during the war of the rebellion. This is rather tardy recognition of the incident which is tremendously exciting, but Mrs. Roberts (she was Miss Reader when it happened) is none the less happy for the honor which is so deservedly bestowed upon her.

In September, 1861, and immediately following the Fort Donelson battle, which lasted three days and nights, she secured from the provost marshal at St. Louis a government pass to go aboard the government steamboat Des Moines, which was ordered to Donelson to bring back a load of wounded soldiers who had fought in the Donelson battle. Her primary object was to bring back her brother, who was wounded. At that time Miss Reader was only 17 years old.

As the Des Moines was about to leave her moorings there came aboard the Twenty-sixth Indiana infantry, a full regiment, 1,000 strong, ordered to reinforce Col. James A. Mulligan, who was at Lexington, Mo., surrounded by 25,000 of Gen. Sterling Price's men.

While passing through the most dangerous part of the country at night, where bands of guerrillas were numerous, the boat ran into the bank. The office windows were all open, and Miss Reader was sitting on the high stool that belonged to the clerk of the boat. In the office were Capt. George Cayton, one of the pilots; Capt. Thomas Baldwin, the boat's captain, and Jerry Wetzel, the first engineer of the boat. The nine companies of the Twenty-sixth Indiana had marched off the boat to the cornfield.

Before the troops had time to get in line a terrific firing commenced.



DELINA READER ROBERTS.  
(About to be Presented with a Medal for Bravery Displayed During the War.)

"The bullets," says Mrs. Roberts, "were flying around us thick and fast. Engineer Wetzel stayed but a moment, and then fell on his hands and knees on the office floor, except to the stairway that led downstairs and disappeared. After the battle I learned that he went for safety to the hold of the boat. Capt. Cayton tried to pull me off the stool, but deserted me and went on his hands and knees after the other one. Then Capt. Baldwin, of the boat, grabbed me. He, too, fell on his hands and knees and went with his head foremost down the stairs to the hold of the boat."

"As soon as he was gone I flew from my stool and ran downstairs to the gang plank and on to the cornfield. The first soldier I saw down I stopped and helped to raise. I bore him, groaning and crying with pain, to the boat. I ran as fast as I could to the field again and brought in the same manner another wounded soldier. I made 22 trips of this kind, and each time brought back a wounded man and filled the two staterooms between the wheels of the boat."

"When I ran through the cabin for another wounded soldier the men were retreating in confusion, and the lower deck and plank were full of excited and running soldiers. The four boats pulled out in the river, ran back 2½ miles and anchored until the earliest dawn of day."

After acting as hospital nurse, and on the second morning after the battle, Col. Wheatley, so says the New York Herald, invited Miss Reader out on the boat to take leave of and bid farewell to the boys, for they were leaving the boats that morning to go overland, a roundabout way, to reach Col. Mulligan. The officers of the regiment were standing on the bow of the boat. Below, on the bow of the boat, was a beautiful snow-white horse, with a new side saddle of tan and a tan bridle, which Col. Wheatley, the commander of the regiment, presented to her, in a very impressive speech, as a mark of gratitude of the officers of the regiment.

Russian Gold Production.

Russia holds the third place among gold-producing countries. Gold is only found in large quantity in the Ural mountains and east and west Siberia; the very limited output of washed gold in Finland is not of any importance. It is only natural that the Russian government should do all in its power to advance the gold mining industry. Its plan is to train up a staff of mining engineers, and to let these experts visit North America, South Africa and Australia. It is also proposed to attempt a second extraction of gold from some of the vast quantities of residue, etc., in the various mining districts.

Morphine and Phylloxera.

In 1,000 cases of the morphine habit collected from all parts of the world, the medical profession constituted 40 per cent of the number.



## OUR NEIGHBORS.

MOWEQUA.

Miss Fannie Hudson was in Decatur Tuesday.

Dr. Brown of Decatur was in town last Thursday, being called here on account of the illness of Mrs. James E. Gregory.

Miss Mattie Snyder is home from her school duties at Evanston.

Miss Nellie Herr returned to Decatur Sunday to resume her position with the Armour company, she having been home with her grandmother during her sickness and death.

Miss Ella Middleton has gone to Missouri to spend the summer with her sister.

Messrs. Will and Ben Smart and Misses Lillie Hample and Ida Snyder spent last Thursday in Decatur.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Russell died Saturday night. The funeral took place Monday morning, the interment being in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Miss Rilla McCluskey spent the latter part of last week with relatives in Blue Mound.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Kitch Thursday, March 10, a boy.

Miss Josie Spitzer returned to her home in Sullivan last Friday.

Mrs. Frank Stewart was shopping in Decatur last Friday.

George McClelland was in Shelbyville Thursday.

Miss Gertrude Bendaley is in Decatur this week.

Mrs. S. G. Ryan of Niantic is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kitch.

Mrs. Marion Jacobs and daughter, Mrs. Botts, were in Assumption Friday.

Mrs. S. M. Adams has returned from Marion, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Stroud.

Miss Lydia Weakley has returned from Chicago, where she went to get ideas in millinery.

## NANTIC.

Charles Burns, who was badly hurt by a runaway team last Saturday, is not doing as well as could be desired. A wagon weighing 1300 pounds, loaded with 800 pounds of clover seed, passed over his thigh. A wound was inflicted reaching several stitches necessary. Mr. Burns is a most excellent young man and his mother is a widow. It seems very sad that he should be stricken down just as the busy season is opening.

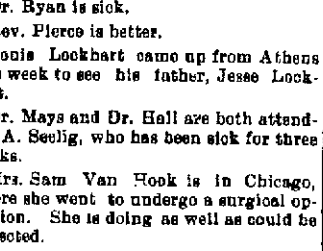
Married, at the Christian church on Wednesday evening, Ed Finson and Miss Ida Kapp, Elder Ennefer officiating. The church had been beautifully decorated by friends. The wedding march was played by Miss Anna Nottelmann. The attendants were Arthur Pritchett and Lela Finson, sister of the groom. The bride was attired in white silk with bridal veil and carried Marshal Neil roses. The bride-maid wore white organdy over blue. A number of intimate friends repaired to the home of the bride after the ceremony, where an elegant wedding supper was served. The groom is a prominent young farmer and the bride is a beautiful and accomplished lady. She has taught in or school for a number of years. Hosts of friends join in wishing them many years of happy wedded life. The young couple went at once to the home already fitted up. A reception was given them today at the home of the groom's parents. A number of beautiful and useful presents were received. Among the guests were Mrs. Ed Kapp of Chillicothe, Ill.; Mrs. York and daughter of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cannon, Mrs. A. Seelig and daughter of Decatur.

Dr. Ryan is sick.  
Rev. Pierce is better.  
Louis Lockhart came up from Athens this week to see his father, Jesse Lockhart.

Dr. Mays and Dr. Hall are both attending A. Seelig, who has been sick for three weeks.

Mrs. Sam Van Hook is in Chicago, where she went to undergo a surgical operation. She is doing as well as could be expected.

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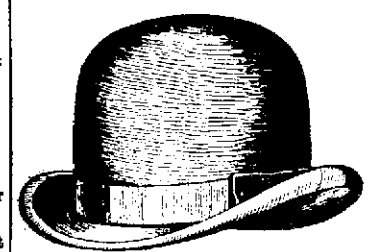


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You are a busy woman, and you congratulate yourself that your hospitality is to be extended to one of your sex who is capable of making her stay something besides a nervous strain on the part of yourself as hostess and your household in general.

You have fitted up that guest room of yours with especial reference to the hoped-for bookish tastes of its occupants. There is a goodly assortment of current literature scattered about. Being a reader yourself, you can imagine nothing more delightful than an opportunity for cozy companionship with the latest magazine or novel.

You delicately allude to your thoughtfulness in providing the, to you, literary feast, and suggest to your guest that she take her pick of all that the family library contains, and then—well, then comes the disillusionment.

Never while that woman is in your house do you catch her with a book or paper in her hand. Days when you run short of amusements for her she wanders aimlessly about from room to room; is plainly dependent over bad weather and sets all your hospitable fastidious on edge by the ill-concealed fact that she is bored.

"Oh!" you sigh. "If she would only read. Just to see her 15 minutes of the day with her eyes fastened interestedly upon some bit of printed matter."

A taste for reading may be as surely cultivated as any other taste, and a healthy appetite for good literature is as necessary for mental nourishment as good food is for physical well-being.

To get right to the root of the matter, the reading habit needs to be cultivated in the nursery. As soon as children are able to pick out the words in their primers they should be taught to consider that more enjoyment is to be found between the covers of a book than among all the toys and pinpoints that clutter up the playroom. No need to make bookworms of them, but a careful mother may implant the reading idea into the juvenile mind and so successfully nurture it that in after years it will bear intellectual fruits of incalculable benefit.

Laziness is usually the foundation for the childish request: "Please read to me!" provided the youthful petitioner is able to read to himself. The same selfish proclivity or practice of aunt who is always ready to do the youngsters' bidding in this direction is also responsible for the sad of spinning nursery yarns to listeners who are old enough and seasoned enough to cull their own tales from books.

When there is no personal application on the child's part how can there be any mental stimulus? No wonder we find so many insipid, vacillating points among grown-ups when we remember how little thought concentration is exacted from the average child.

There would be fewer restless men and certainly fewer discontented women if the reading habit was made a feature of nursery training.

Fortunate is the man or woman who has discovered in books that world which will widen the most contracted sphere and glorify the most commonplace existence.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Covenant Mutual.

All policy holders in the Covenant Mutual Life Insurance company are requested to meet at the council rooms Tuesday evening next at 7:30 o'clock. Per order of the committee.

## For One Week.

All sterling silver articles will be sold at half price for one week at Curtis Bros. —14-dlw

W. H. Starr learns from a Cincinnati friend that Hagenback, the famous animal trainer, who is now at Hamburg, Germany, has written valuable Elber canals can be secured for use in the Klondike gold fields. Each of the canals has the capacity of three horses, and are just what is needed for the Alaskan country. They are trained to work in harness.

It is learned that the leading Cincinnati manufacturers have been questioned closely by eastern parties as to the capacity of the plants in turning out saddles and bridles in case of an emergency. Evidently trouble is apprehended and the inquiries are made to ascertain the capacity and availability of the factories.

John McCormack has started a restaurant in the Ammann building, 412 North Water street.

The Arcade is getting up awnings to draw out early for the summer sun.

## THORNS TO SIT UPON.

Many people gather thorns by failing to heed the warning sent out by diseased kidneys—coated tongue—parched skin—feverishness—dull, dragging pain—general feeling of weariness—is sure evidence of kidney and bladder trouble. Take Utah Kidney Beans at once—they will cure you—they have cured thousands of others. THE THORNS OF PHILADELPHIA make Utah Kidney Beans.

R. K. Samuels, County Clerk of Hickman county, Georgia, writes, that he has known for years with horrible pain in the kidneys and bladder





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\$ .95	\$1.50	Sterling Silver Dessert Forks.
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\$1.25	\$2.00	Sterling Silver Soup Spoons.
\$1.37	\$2.50	Sterling Silver Table Forks.
\$1.25	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Hollow Handled Knives.
\$2.60	\$4.50	Sterling Silver Berry Spoons, gold bowls.
\$2.60	\$4.50	Sterling Silver Gravy Ladles, gold bowls.
\$ .95	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Butter Knives.
\$ .50	\$1.00	Sterling Silver Engraved Napkin Rings.
\$4.35	\$6.50	Child's Sterling Silver Mug, gold lined.
\$1.10	\$1.65	Child's Sterling Silver Forks.
\$1.15	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Teaspoons, enameled handles; gold plated all over.
\$1.15	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Sugar Spoons, gold bowls, in case.
\$1.85	\$3.50	Sterling Silver Cheese Scoops, gold bowls, in case.
\$ .45	\$ .60	Sterling Silver Teaspoons.
\$ .55	\$ .75	Sterling Silver Teaspoons.
\$1.07	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Olive Spoons, gold bowls, in case.
\$1.07	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Olive Spoons, gold pierced bowl, in case.
\$ .93	\$1.50	Sterling Silver Bon Bon Spoon, gold bowl, in enameled silk lined box.
\$2.87	\$4.00	Sterling Silver Meat Forks, gold tines.
\$1.07	\$1.75	Sterling Silver Cream Ladles, gold bowls, in case.

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Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf  
Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.  
Dunlap & Co's spring styles for 1898 now on sale at Bohon, McReynolds & Co. Feb 25-dtf  
It works easily and quickly. Needs no cooking, will not stick to the iron. Electro Lustré Starch in Blue Packages.—18-dimo  
Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 528, new phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf  
Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden seeds. They are now in receipt of large invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable houses in the country.—m1-d&w

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

Fresh caught roe stad, black bass, crople, bay herring, rock bass, cat and eel, at Pearl Oyster and Fish Company. Telephone, old and new, 344.—14-dlw

The bad roads have made business very poor for the Decatur coal mine the last few weeks. The coal depend on hauling their coal across the country in wagons cannot get to this city with an empty wagon, still less haul a load of coal any distance. Only about 200 men are now working in the mines, about half the full force.

Orville Ewing of this city has been granted an original pension through the agency of M. Shea.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadsters, spring wagons, farm wagons.—m1-d&wtf

A stranger came into the Decatur Gun company's saleroom yesterday afternoon and after looking over the stock in the cases for some time purchased a revolver. Putting the weapon in his pocket, the stranger started out in a kind of absent-minded way and walked right through the glass door. His head and one foot were thrust entirely through the glass and the entire lower part of the large door fell crashing to the floor. The stranger extricated himself and although he was somewhat startled by the noise, he was in no way injured. The glass was a large one and it will cost \$30 to replace it. It is not known whether or not the stranger will put up for the damage.

### May Start a Church.

The four Mormon elders who have been in this city, O. O. Richins, John Bayston, E. S. Kite and J. W. Roff, left today for Chicago to attend the northern Illinois conference. They will return to Decatur and expect to form a branch church in this city.

### Shells for Everybody.

Blue point shell oysters. Fresh consignment in today, at 213 North Main st.—14-dlw

### Hibernian Celebration.

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day by the members and friends of the Hibernian society at Brennenman's old hall, attracted a large audience last night. The program as published in the Republican last evening was carried out. The address by Attorney John Fitzgerald was enthusiastically applauded.

**Republican Township Convention.**  
The Republicans of Friends Creek township will meet in convention Saturday, March 19, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the township offices. E. H. Thomas, Chairman; F. R. Query, Secretary.—2-d&w

### A Large Advance Sale.

The advance sale of the Agnes Herndon company is on at the opera house drug store. Parties wishing good seats should call early as they are going very rapidly. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

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### Death of John Grady.

John Grady, father of T. C. Grady, editor of the Maroa Times, died on Thursday at the family home northeast of Maroa, aged 70 years. His death was not unexpected.

### GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 2¢ as much as coffee. Price 10 and 25c.

## STILL AFTER A JURY.

Continued Slow Work by Attorneys  
in the Court Room.

## TEN MEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES

Peremptory Challenges Frequent--Features of the Examination--Attorney Crea Able to be In Attendance Again--After Two More Jurymen.

The attorneys in the Maury case this morning succeeded in securing two more jurors to try the case, making in all 16 jurors who had been secured at noon. In the afternoon the examination was again taken up as given below.

The two who were accepted this morning were James A. Wilson, a junk dealer of Decatur, and James Williams, a carpenter, of Maroa. The jury as it now stands is as follows: Albert Bukman, Asa Clothier, Jacob Hanes, W. B. Huffaker, Edward M. Chapman, James A. Wilson of Decatur, George F. Albert of Illinois township, Frank Craycroft of Wheatland township, Thomas Bankson of Bliss Mound township and James F. Williams of Maroa. It is probable that the two other jurymen will not be secured today. This forenoon quite a number were challenged peremptorily by the prosecution.

Williams made a good jurymen. He knew scarcely anything about the case and did not even know the name of the man who had been convicted for the murder of McKinley. Fred Kreschel, a German farmer, was also a good jurymen but he was challenged peremptorily. He was not at all rattled by the long examination he was given by the lawyers on both sides and they could not put a question to him which he answered in a manner to disqualify him.

There was not a large attendance in the court room this morning, there being not more than 50 men present when court opened, but this afternoon the attendance was larger.

The attorneys were all in a good humor and had plenty of fun jollying each other. The jurors who have been secured have nothing to do but listen to the examination of the others. This morning while in court Mr. Hanes was allowed to read a portion of a morning paper as he was anxious to see just how badly he defeated his opponents in his successful race for supervisor yesterday.

### Morning Session.

When court convened this morning Mr. Buckingham took up the examination. After 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon the following talesmen were examined and excused: William Rau, J. A. Bartlett, Louis Koehler, S. J. Hines, Guy A. Lewis, H. M. Wheeler, J. H. Collins, C. Lilly, John Dillingier, F. M. Keefe, F. M. Webb, Samuel Moore, James Austin, B. L. Weaver, J. A. Bartlett, Ray Peters, John Young and E. W. Hill.

There were four men this morning who had been examined by the defense and had not yet been excused: Andrew Legge, Ed Yantis, James A. Wilson, Charles W. Davis.

Mr. Davis was excused and Mr. Buckingham challenged Ed Yantis peremptorily, and the examination of other talesmen was taken up as follows:  
W. Shermanwood, Melvin S. Burt, Clay Allen, Ott Leitz, J. V. Carr were excused. Ed D. Mattes of Decatur—Knew the lawyers and have had business with them. Have no feeling against either John or Joe Maury. Never served on a jury in a criminal case. Have formed an opinion as to guilt or innocence of Maury, but never accepted it. Would be willing to give Maury benefit of any doubt.  
James F. Williams of Maroa—Read a little about the case but never formed any opinion. Am a carpenter by trade. Do not know any of the McKinley family and did not know Faunce. Not acquainted with any of the attorneys in the case. Have not even the slightest prejudice against Maury or his father.

Mr. Buckingham then tendered to the prosecution Andrew Legge, James A. Wilson, Ed D. Mattes and James F. Williams.  
Mr. Leforge began with the examination of Williams. The man said he knew some one had once been tried for the crime but he did not remember who it was. If taken as a juror he said he could try the case without being prejudiced against the prosecution because one man had already been convicted for the crime. Appeared as a witness for the prosecution in a murder case at Tuscola 20 years ago. Did know John Maury, but probably wouldn't know him now. In no way related to them.

Ed Mattes—Knew Joe Maury quite well. He worked for us for three years at the brick yards. Read all that appeared in the newspapers about the case. Formed an opinion at the time of the murder in regard to Maury. Now have that opinion and it is so fixed that evidence would be required to remove it. Challenged for cause.  
James A. Wilson—Never heard anyone express an opinion as to Maury's guilt, nor have no such opinion myself. Heard that some other man had been convicted. Satisfied that the fact that another man had been convicted would not prejudice me against the prosecution.  
Andrew Legge—Lived in Maroa. Talked with members of the family about the case about a month ago but remembered nothing about what he had heard. Had not read anything in the paper about it. Heard talk about it on the street but didn't remember anything about it. Challenged peremptorily.  
Fred Kreschel of Maroa—Read of the case when McKinley was killed and only believed very little of what he saw in the newspapers. Could try the case impartially and according to evidence regardless of what he had read.  
Charles W. Davis of Maroa—Am a barber and 36 years old. Have read some about the case. Have formed an opinion as to the truthfulness of the newspaper accounts. First read of the case was when the murder was committed. Read of the case recently but did not form any opinion. Could try the case impartially if accepted as a jurymen.

### TWO MORE JURORS.

Mr. Leforge tendered the four men. This made James A. Wilson and James F. Williams accepted by both sides, and W. C. W. Davis and Fred Kreschel by the prosecution.

Mr. Buckingham took up the examination as follows:

Fred Kreschel—Didn't believe all that I saw in the newspapers and don't take much stock in it unless I know the man who puts it in is truthful. Know that Faunce was convicted for the crime. Did not form any opinion at the time of the murder. Did not believe enough of the newspaper accounts to form any opinion, heard others talk some about the case and heard some express their opinions. Have no opinion based on what I did believe in the newspapers. Came to this country from Prussia when 15 years old. Would be willing to acquit the defendant unless his guilt was established beyond all doubt. Have no desire to see a man convicted because he is indicted. Am 56 years old. Have no objection to an alibi as a defense. Have no scruples against inflicting the death penalty. Excused peremptorily.

C. W. Davis of Maroa—Don't know any of the witnesses whose names I saw in the newspapers. Am married and have children. Talked some about the case.

Mr. Buckingham questioned Mr. Davis closely for a long time in regard to what was said and whether or not opinions were expressed. When asked by the lawyer, Mr. Davis said he would not inflict the death penalty unless some one would testify to having seen the murder committed. Challenged peremptorily.

George Gounterman—Read the affidavits published in the newspapers; believed them to some extent. Have formed an opinion as to Maury's guilt or innocence and still hold same opinion. Challenged for cause.

L. F. Hall of Warrensburg—Read the affidavits in the newspapers and formed an opinion. Regardless of what I have read think I could try the case impartially. Would start in giving Maury the full benefit of the presumption of being innocent until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

C. B. Hall of Warrensburg—Have no feeling of prejudice against Maury and would consider him innocent until proven guilty.

### THE LAST TWO.

Mr. Buckingham tendered C. B. and L. F. Hall to the prosecution. Mr. Leforge began the examination as follows:  
L. F. Hall—Talked about the murder of McKinley during the past two months and read about it in the newspapers. Formed an opinion as to the truthfulness of the accounts, but did not form any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of Maury. Never expressed an opinion. Challenged peremptorily.

C. B. Hall—Have formed an opinion as to Maury's guilt and evidence would be required to remove it. Challenged for cause.

A. J. Lowry of Decatur—Talked with a number of persons at the time of the murder and formed opinions from what I heard. Know Jack Faunce. Could try the case impartially regardless of what I know of the case. Have heard Dick Casey talk about the case. Have no opinion now as to who killed McKinley.  
Peter Sutton of Elwin—Read about the

case recently and formed and expressed an opinion as to Maury's guilt or innocence. Talked with different persons.

After a long examination the talesman was peremptorily challenged.  
T. W. Goff of Maroa was challenged and excused on account of deafness.  
Charles Black—Lived in Iowa and came to this state in 1894. Saw an account of the case in copy of Decatur paper while in Iowa. Talked some about the case and have read the papers recently and formed fixed opinion. Challenged for cause.

John Chenoweth—Lived southwest of Decatur. Don't know much about the case, but have read some about it lately and also talked about it. Have formed an opinion which would require evidence to remove. Challenged for cause.

E. Stomback of Maroa—Formed an opinion and expressed it. Challenged for cause.

Court adjourned at noon until 10 o'clock.

### Afternoon Session.

A. C. Ingham of Illinois township—Never was a juror in a murder case. Had no opinion on the matter and could try the case impartially.

A. J. Lowry, who was examined in the forenoon was challenged peremptorily. John C. Sprague of Bliss Mound was challenged for cause, having an opinion which he had expressed.

William Carr of Decatur—Read some of the case in all the newspapers. Have no feeling in the matter one way or the other. Read the affidavits of the person before the grand jury and have opinion which would require evidence to remove. Challenged for cause.

A. M. Hinckley of Illinois township—Familiar with the case and have formed an opinion and expressed it. Challenged for cause.

William Pisterius of Bliss Mound township was challenged for cause on account of his opinion.

Joseph Smallwood was excused by agreement on account of being related to Attorney Leforge.

H. N. Gaddis of Decatur—Know something about the case and have read some of the newspaper accounts; heard some talk about the case. Don't know Joe Maury and have not formed any opinion as to his guilt or innocence. If taken as a juror no reason why I could not try the case impartially. Excused peremptorily.

E. O. Magee of Bliss Mound—Have read accounts of the case published in the newspapers recently. Have formed an opinion and expressed it. Challenged for cause.

David Black of Pleasant View township and Robert Jett of Decatur both had opinions and were challenged for cause.

Edward Phipps of Decatur—Lived in Carlinville when the murder occurred and became acquainted with a brother of Faunce shortly after coming to Decatur. Have formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of Maury. Challenged for cause.

William Kitchen of Decatur—Had formed an opinion some time ago as to Maury. Challenged for cause.

Levi Cross of Decatur—Lived in the city ten years and am in the grain business. Read the newspapers and formed an opinion. Challenged for cause.

William Pate of Maroa—Am a country leader. Read about the case recently and have formed and expressed an opinion in regard to Maury. Challenged for cause.

### RAN OUT OF NAMES.

The clerk called out the names of a long list of talesmen who were not present. At the beginning of the afternoon session there were about the jury to select from. Deputy William read about 30 names when finally A. B. C. was called. He was examined by Mr. Leforge and having a fixed opinion in the matter was challenged for cause. The clerk then again went over the names of those not present and who had not yet been examined. The judge then said that some of the men in the room and who they could qualify.

Melvin W. Davis of Maroa, who was in the court room was called. He said he had no opinion in regard to the case and knew of no reason why he could not try the case impartially. He thought that the fact that Faunce had been convicted would not prevent him trying the case on the evidence.

### A POINT OF LAW.

Mr. Leforge accepted Mr. Ingham and Mr. Davis tendered them to the defense. At this point the attorneys for the defense stopped to look up whether or not byattendants could be called in to qualify as jurors.

Mr. Buckingham made his objections to

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The Situation as Outlined at the Na  
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Do as to Spain.

Washington, March 19.—The keenest expectancy is apparent in all official quarters in anticipation of the early receipt of the report of the Maine court of inquiry. Warlike preparations are continued with unabated vigor at the war and navy departments. Interest in the forthcoming report is so intense that many reports gained circulation to the effect that the document would be in the hands of the president within 24 hours, but these were conjectures. On inquiry at authoritative sources they were declared inaccurate. It was ascertained, however, that the report is expected within the next few days. A cabinet officer said it would be here early next week, but that no intimation as to its character had been received. One rumor had it that Lieutenant Blow had been in conference with Secretary Long and other naval officials.

The chief development of the morning was the arrival of four Maine survivors who held a long conference with Secretary Long and were afterwards taken to the White house for a talk with the president. These survivors are Lieutenant Holman, navigator of the Maine; Lieutenant Blow, Lieutenant Catlin, in command of the marines, and Boatswain Larkin. These men have been in Havana since the explosion. Their arrival was a complete surprise, except to a few officials. With them came Naval Constructor Hoover, sent from here by Secretary Long a few weeks ago to make a technical inspection of the wreck.

### A Yacht for Spain.

Nice, March 19.—It is rumored that Spain has purchased the steam yacht Gibraltar, belonging to Hugh McCalmont, member of parliament.

### The Situation.

Washington, March 19.—Walter Wellman: Intervention next week is among the possibilities. Much depends upon the degree of responsibility fixed upon Spain by the verdict of the court of inquiry.

If the negligence of Spanish officials is demonstrated to have contributed materially to the disaster, the president will probably demand that the war in Cuba be stopped by May 1, or by June 1 at the latest.

If Spain refuses, the United States will take possession of Cuban ports, which Spain will doubtless regard as an act of war.

If, on the other hand, the report of the court charges only general Spanish negligence, without specific proof, the president will, for the present, demand only an indemnity from Spain.

At any rate, the demand for stopping the war by June 1 at the latest—intervention by force, if diplomatic intervention does not avail—will not be long delayed. It will follow close upon the demand for reparation for the Maine disaster, if it does not accompany it. This is the decision of the president, as made known to his cabinet advisers. The Cuban horror must be abated this spring. The president will not wait till next fall.

From the foregoing accurate statement of the attitude of the administration may easily be judged the importance of the report of the court of inquiry. That report is still expected here on Monday.

### War Material Free.

Washington, March 19.—In the house Mr. Dingley offered a bill reported unanimously by the ways and means committee, for the free entry of naval supplies and war materials until January 1, 1899.